

House Resolution 54 - Introduced

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1 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. ____
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1 12 KAUFMANN, ARNOLD, WINDSCHITL, TOMENGA, MAY, CHAMBERS,
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1 15 S. OLSON, DOLECHECK, ROBERTS, HOFFMAN, STRUYK, SANDS,
1 16 RANTS, and PAULSEN
1 17 A Resolution encouraging the Iowa congressional
1 18 delegation to support legislation to improve
1 19 Medicare payments to Iowa physicians under the
1 20 Medicare Part B program.
1 21 WHEREAS, Iowa's physicians are reimbursed by the
1 22 federal Medicare program significantly less than
1 23 physicians in most of the rest of the United States;
1 24 and
1 25 WHEREAS, Iowa's quality of health care, as measured
1 26 by the federal government, is among the best, rated
1 27 sixth in the United States; and
1 28 WHEREAS, Iowa ranks among the lowest, ranked 44th
1 29 in the nation, in the number of physicians per capita;
1 30 and
2 1 WHEREAS, Iowa's population ranks seventh in the
2 2 nation in the percent of our state's population
2 3 covered by the federal Medicare program; and
2 4 WHEREAS, there are clear federal remedies that
2 5 would significantly narrow or even eliminate the
2 6 reimbursement disparity, which impedes Iowa's ability
2 7 to recruit physicians to practice in the state; and
2 8 WHEREAS, Iowa physicians are facing a projected 10
2 9 percent reduction in reimbursement in 2008 if Congress
2 10 does not take action to prevent the cut; NOW
2 11 THEREFORE,
2 12 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
2 13 That Iowa's five United States Congressmen and two
2 14 United States Senators are requested to place a high
2 15 priority on enacting a remedy to the disparity in
2 16 physician reimbursement in the federal Medicare Part B
2 17 program, and
2 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Iowa's five United
2 19 States Congressmen and two United States Senators are
2 20 requested to place a high priority on enacting federal
2 21 legislation that would eliminate the 10 percent
2 22 reduction to physician payments in 2008.
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